

A joint resolution to provide for the payment of the Delegates now assembled in Convention, on report of committee on Finance was, on motion of Mr. Dulancy referred to Judiciary committee.

The report of the committee on Claims and Accounts on the petitions of William C. Tremble and others was adopted.

A bill supplemental to an act to regulate estrays, on report of the committee on Stock and Stock Raising, recommending amendments. Amendments adopted, and bill passed to a third reading, rule suspended, on motion of Mr. Martin, bill read third time and passed.

A joint resolution suspending the Geological Survey, was made the special order for Monday 10 o'clock, A. M.

A bill to provide for submitting the ordinance of secession to a vote of the people. Read first time, rule suspended, read second time.

Mr. Stockdale moved to amend by inserting after "Chief Justices" the words "or other county officers required by the directions of the State Convention," and by striking out all of section 2, after the word "Convention" in 6th line thereof. Carried, and bill passed to a third reading; rule suspended, read third time and passed.

On motion the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M., on Monday.

MONDAY, Feb. 4, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The Journal of Saturday was read and adopted.

Mr. Blanch presented the memorial of sundry citizens of Harrison county. Referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Duggan, Chairman of the committee on County and County Boundaries, to whom was referred a bill to change the name of the county seat of the county of Hidalgo, reported the same to the Senate and recommended its passage.

On motion of Mr. Scarborough, the report was taken up.

Mr. Paschal, Chairman of the Committee on Internal Improvements, made the following reports:

The Committee on Internal Improvements have duly considered the accompanying bill. A bill to incorporate the Uvalde Navigation Company, and have instructed me to recommend the passage of the same with the following amendments, to-wit:

1st.—Strike out all after the word "proper" on second page,

second line, in second section, subject to the same restrictions, rules and regulations, provided in an act supplementary to and amendatory of an act to regulate Railroad Companies, approved February 7, 1853; approved December 19, 1857; approved February 8, 1860, providing for the condemnation of the right of way for railroads; provided however, that the right of way condemned for the use of said company shall not exceed twenty feet on each side of the aqueduct or irrigating ditch.

3rd.—Strike out “inclusive” in second line of third section.

4th.—Strike out tenth section from “and” in first line to “enacted” in fifth line last page inclusive of both.

The committee on Internal Improvements, have carefully examined an act to incorporate the Port Sullivan Railroad Company, and although they believe the proposed road, connecting as it would, with the Houston and Texas Central Railroad, would accommodate a productive and fertile region of country, and should receive the fostering care of the State. It is the opinion of the committee that the pressing and necessary business of the present Legislature, forbids the consideration of new enterprises during the present limited session. The committee therefore recommend the postponement of said bill.

The committee on Internal Improvements, have considered a bill for the relief of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, and recommend the passage of the same, with the following amendments:

Add after road-bed fourth line of first section, “west of Brazos river,” and after the word “extend” in fifth line of first substitute, in lieu of the balance of said section, the words “two years in addition to the time now allowed said Company.”

The committee on Internal Improvements have considered an act for the relief of the Texas and New Orleans Railroad Company and recommend its passage.

Mr. Gentry, Chairman of the committee of Conference on part of the Senate, on a bill for the relief of the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company, made the following report:

The joint committee raised to consider the amendment of the House to the Senate’s bill for the relief of the Texas Central Railroad Company, report the said bill back to both Houses and recommend the substitute herewith be adopted for the amendment of the House, which report was, on motion, taken up and adopted.

Mr. Walker introduced a bill to amend the 1116 article, page 260 of the Digest of the Laws of Texas. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dulaney introduced a bill to repeal the second, third and fourth sections of an act to prevent judgments from becoming dormant, and to create and preserve judgment lines, approved 14th February, 1860. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Chambers, by leave, presented the petition of sundry citizens of Titus county. Referred to the committee on County and County Boundaries.

Mr. Throckmorton introduced a bill to reorganize the eighth and twentieth Judicial Districts, and to define the times of holding the courts therein. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills:

Senate's bill providing what shall be sufficient *prima facie* evidence in certain cases, in suits brought by the State of Texas.

House bill: amend the 12th section of an act concerning proceedings in the District Court, approved March 16, 1848, and a bill to amend the 10th section of an act supplementary to an act to regulate Railroad Companies, approved Feb. 7, 1853; approved Dec. 19, 1857; approved 8th Feb. 1860.

That the House had adopted the report of the committee of Conference, on a bill for the relief of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad Company.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A joint resolution suspending the Geological survey, being the special order, was read second time.

Mr. Gentry offered the following amendment:

"That Dr. F. Moore, present State Geologist, be required to make his report of all work executed by him up to the present time. Adopted.

Mr. Herbert moved to strike out the second section.

Mr. Hyde moved to refer the bill to the committee on State Affairs, which motion having preference, was put and lost.

The question on Mr. Herbert's motion was then put and lost.

Mr. Grimes moved to lay the bill on the table, which was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Grimes, Hart, Hyde, Throckmorton and Whaley—6.

NAYS—Messrs. Blanch, Chambers, Duggan, Dulaney, Erath, Fall, Gentry, Guinn, Harmon, Herbert, Lott, Martin, Miller, Parsons, Pitts, Potter, Quinan, Rains, Scarborough, Schleicher, Shepard, Townes and Walker—23.

Mr. Blanch moved to amend by striking out first section. Lost.

Mr. Townes offered the following amendment:

"That the said report of the Geologist's shall be made and presented to the the Legislature at its next regular session."

Mr. Throckmorton moved to amend the amendment by striking out, "shall be presented to the Legislature at its next regular session" and insert "by the first day of July, 1861." Carried.

The amendment as then amended was adopted.

Mr. Herbert moved to strike out all relating to pay of Mr. Shumard, late Geologist. Lost.

Mr. Quinan offered the following amendment:

Add after "chemist" in first section, "who shall be continued in service only so long as is necessary to assist in making the reports hereafter provided for." Adopted.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed.

On motion the rule was suspended.

Mr. Gentry moved to amend so as to allow Dr. F. Moore the same compensation for making his report as allowed to Mr. Shumard. Adopted.

Bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Blanch, Chambers, Duggan, Dulaney, Erath, Gentry, Guinn, Harmon, Lott, Martin, Miller, Parsons, Pitts, Potter, Quinan, Scarborough, Schleicher, Shepard, Stockdale and Townes—20.

NAYS—Messrs. Fall, Grimes, Herbert, Hyde, Rains, Throckmorton and Whaley—7.

A bill to provide for the protection of the frontier of the State of Texas, was, on motion of Mr. Erath, taken from the table. Read second time. Amendment proposed by the committee on the Militia was adopted.

Mr. Townes proposed to amend by striking out "to more than twelve days pay," and insert "to pay for a longer time than it may be absolutely necessary for them to be out." Lost.

Mr. Schleicher moved to amend by inserting in section one, "the county of Frio." Adopted.

Bill passed to a third reading. Rule suspended, bill read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Blanch, Chambers, Erath, Fall, Gentry, Guinn, Harmon, Hart, Herbert, Hyde, Lott, Martin, Miller, Parsons, Pitts, Potter, Quinan, Rains, Scarborough, Schleicher, Shepard, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Townes, Walker and Whaley—26.

NAYS—Mr. Grimes—1.

On motion of Mr. Gentry, a bill for the relief of the Texas

and New Orleans Railroad Company, was taken up and read second time. Rule suspended read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Blanch, Chambers, Fall, Gentry, Grimes, Guinn, Harmon, Hart, Herbert, Hyde, Lott, Martin, Miller, Parsons, Potter, Quinan, Rains, Scarborough, Schleicher, Shepard, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Townes, Walker and Whaley—25.

NAYS—Mr. Pitts—1.

On motion of Mr. Blanch, a bill for the relief of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, was taken up. Read second time. Amendments of committee adopted. Rule suspended, read third time and passed by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Blanch, Chambers, Duggan, Dulaney, Erath, Gentry, Grimes, Guinn, Harmon, Hart, Herbert, Hyde, Lott, Martin, Miller, Parsons, Potter, Quinan, Rains, Scarborough, Schleicher, Shepard, Throckmorton, Townes, Walker and Whaley—25.

NAYS—Messrs. Pitts and Stockdale—2.

A bill to amend the twelfth section of an act concerning proceedings in the District Court, approved March 16, 1848. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to amend the tenth section of an act supplementary to an act to regulate Railroad Companies. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on Internal Improvements.

Mr. Quinan moved to reconsider the vote passing a bill for the protection of the frontier of the State of Texas, which was lost by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Blanch, Duggan, Grimes, Guinn, Herbert, Lott, Miller, Parsons, Pitts, Potter, Quinan and Stockdale—12.

NAYS—Messrs. Chambers, Erath, Fall, Gentry, Harmon, Hart, Hyde, Martin, Rains, Scarborough, Schleicher, Shepard, Throckmorton, Townes, Walker and Whaley—16.

A bill to amend an act to organize the Justice's Courts, and to define the powers and jurisdiction of the same, approved March 20, 1848. Read first and second times and referred to Judiciary committee.

On motion the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M. tomorrow.